

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 21-27, and 29-49 remain in the application. Applicant appreciates and acknowledges the Examiners indication of allowance of claims 48 and 49 and that claims 28, 29, 33-42, 46 and 47 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 have been rewritten in independent form including the feature of claims 21 and 31 from which they depended. Note, that the features of claim 32 (from which each claim also depends) are not included in these rewritten claims as claim 32 claimed 3 alternative features and each of claims 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 selects one of these features.

Claims 46 and 47 have been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 21-27 and 30-32 stand rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,417,894 to Goff (hereinafter Goff). Claim 21 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 28 which depended directly from claim 21. Claim 28 has now been cancelled. Claims 22-27 depend directly from amended claim 21. Claims 30-32 also depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 21. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-27 and 30-32 is respectfully requested.

Claims 43 and 44 are rejected as being unpatentable over Goff in view of U.S. Patent 7,088,508 to Ebina et al. Claims 43 and 44 depend indirectly from amended claim 21 and should be considered allowable because claim 21 has incorporated all

of the features of allowable claim 28. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 43 and 44 is respectfully requested.

Applicant requests consideration of changes made to the application by the present amendment. If clarification of the amendment or application is desired or if issues are present which the Examiner believes may be quickly resolved, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRG-16146.

Respectfully submitted,

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